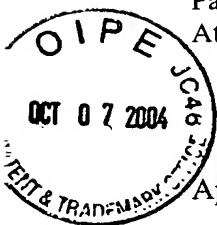


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Hiroyuki Bekki et al.
Filed : August 27, 2003
Title : **FLEXIBLE PIPE JOINT**
Art Unit : 3752
Confirmation No. : 4883
Examiner : James F. Hook
Customer No. : 28289

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on June 3, 2004 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response due on September 3, 2004. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on October 3, 2004. October 3, 2004 is a Sunday, bringing the response due on Monday, October 4, 2004.

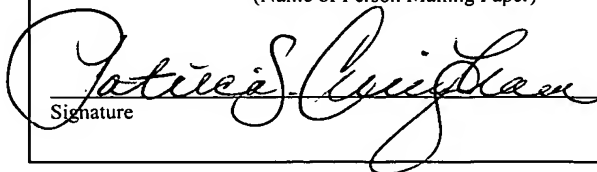
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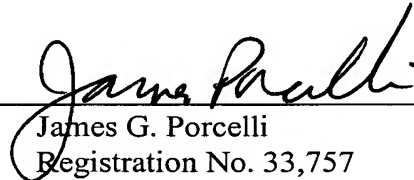
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A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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